

CABINET MINUTES (OPEN)

September 10, 2003

9:30 a.m. - Noon

Members Present:	Honourable Gordon Campbell	(PREM)
	Honourable George Abbott	(CA&WS)
	Honourable Bill Barisoff	(PR)
	Honourable Shirley Bond	(AE)
	Honourable Graham Bruce	(SD&L)
	Honourable Gulzar Cheema	(MoSMH)
	Honourable Christy Clark	(MOE)
	Honourable Murray Coell	(HR)
	Honourable Gary Collins	(FCR)
	Honourable Rich Coleman	(PS&SG)
	Honourable Mike de Jong	(MOF)
	Honourable Kevin Falcon	(MoSD)
	Honourable Greg Halsey-Brandt	(MoSIGR)
	Honourable Colin Hansen	(HS)
	Honourable Sindi Hawkins	(HP)
	Honourable Gordon Hogg	(CFD)
	Honourable Joyce Murray	(WL&AP)
	Honourable Ted Nebbeling	(MoSCC)
	Honourable Richard Neufeld	(EM)
	Honourable Geoff Plant	(AG)
	Honourable Judith Reid	(MOT)
	Honourable Linda Reid	(MoSECD)
	Honourable Sandy Santori	(MS)
	Honourable Lynn Stephens	(MoSWE)
	Honourable Rick Thorpe	(CSE)
	Honourable Katherine Whittred	(MoSIL&HC)
Members Absent:	Honourable Stan Hagen	(SRM/AFF)
	Honourable John van Dongen	(AFF)

A. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**1. Premier's Opening Remarks**

The Premier reviewed the drought conditions in the province, and how the public can help.

2. For Information: Drought Conditions

This item was dealt with under Item 1.

3. For Information: Wildfire Status Report

Cabinet received a report on the status of wildfires in the province, the damage caused, the costs incurred to date and the possibility of federal assistance. The efforts of firefighters, emergency workers and volunteers were acknowledged, with thanks.

4. For Information: Fiscal Update

The Minister of Finance gave his First Quarterly Report in a fiscal and economic update.

5. For Decision: Maa Nulth Ratification

Cabinet reviewed the terms of the proposed Agreement in Principle with the Maa Nulth First Nations. These terms are consistent with the Treasury Board approval of June 19.

Cabinet ratified the proposed Agreement in Principle and approved the provincial negotiations to proceed toward a final agreement.

6. For Information: Health Update

The Minister of Health Services provided a report on progress toward a national public health agency, the provincial program of immunization; and the steps taken to address the shortage of medical personnel in this province. The efforts of health authorities throughout the province, during the wildfire season were acknowledged.


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12 NOON - 1 P.M.

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A. CABINET MINUTES**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting: September 3**

The Minutes of September 3, 2003 were approved.

Cabinet approved an OIC appointing the Police Complaint Commissioner, to correct an error in his appointment process..

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**2. Cabinet Committee on Economy and Environment - June 25**

1. Cabinet received a report on managing the Northern Spotted Owl.
2. Cabinet did not accept the recommendation that the term Working Landscapes be substituted for the term Working Forests.

Cabinet Committee on Economy and Environment - September 9

Cabinet received an update of a proposed interim strategy to apply habitat protection standards to sites where nesting by a Spotted Owl pair is confirmed or strongly suspected in the Fraser, Lillooet and So0 TSAa's. Large licensees are complying on a volunteer basis. Small licensees will be faced with logging constraints and job loss.

The Committee recommended that the proposal be discussed at the next Caucus meeting in association with the land use planning overview and the Parks 2010 submission.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION:**3. For Discussion: Briefing on September 17 Special Cabinet Meeting with First Nations Summit Chiefs**

Cabinet was briefed on the purpose of identifying some recognition and reconciliation objectives that could produce outcomes, to be reported at the annual meeting in 2004.

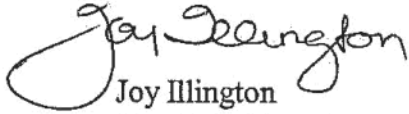
**4. GCC: Communities and Safety and
GCC: Economy and Government Operations Joint Meeting - September 4**

The Committee's Minutes were received by Cabinet. The Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services confirmed that the Committee's comments would be incorporated into the strategy and communications plans.

For Direction: Social and Economic Framework for Aboriginal People

Cabinet reviewed the strategy to coordinate all programs of individual ministries, to deliver on high level priorities identified by Aboriginal people. It effectively results in a three year Corporate Action Plan or cross-Ministry Service Plan.

Cabinet gave Agreement-in-Principle to the direction of the strategy and approved the plan to engage with Aboriginal and non-aboriginal stakeholders on the need for community-driven, culturally appropriate services with measurable outcomes for Aboriginal people and their communities.



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September 17, 2003
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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A. CABINET MINUTES:**1. Minutes of Meeting: September 10**

Approved.

B. ORDERS IN COUNCIL:**2. Appointments/Regulations**

Cabinet reviewed and approved the attached list of Orders in Council with the following amendments:

- One OIC appointing a Q.C. was withdrawn.

C. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**3. GCC Economy and Government Operations - September 3, 2003**

The Vice-Chair reported the Committee's review of the elements of the British Columbia Film Location Policy submission, dated June 10, 2003. The GCC recommended that the proposed policy be accepted, with the next steps to include more aggressive timelines and more focus on deregulation.

For Decision: BC Film Location Policy

Cabinet reviewed the BC Film Location Policy submission, dated June 10, 2003 and a revised policy statement of principles adding a new item 6 on streamlined permitting and contracting mechanisms. Cabinet reviewed a revised timeline for activity: November 10 for revising the Code of Conduct; November 30, 2003 for completing Guidelines, and February, 2004 for completing a report on implementing streamlining.

Cabinet approved the Policy direction and the revised timelines.

4. Cabinet Committee on Economy and Environment - September 16, 2003

The Chair reported the Committees review of an overview presentation of land use planning, a presentation on a new vision for Parks and Protected Areas called Parks 2010, and the Committee's recommendations on steps to be taken to implement provincial legislation on species at risk and bio-diversity conservation. The Committee made recommendations to the Ministry responsible prior to presentation of the overview on Land use planning and Parks 2010 to Caucus.

The Committee recommended that the Ministry responsible, return to the Committee with a detailed work-plan on the proposed scope of the cross government inventory, and its costs for completion; a review of the gaps between the federal and provincial species at risk legislation and a review of how other provinces have responded to species at risk and bio-diversity conservation.

Cabinet received the Minutes for information.

5. For Information: UBCM Briefing

Cabinet received a briefing, for information on the issues likely to be discussed at UBCM.

Cabinet had a brief discussion about providing some relief on payments for policing for small rural communities. Cabinet delegated the decision on the model of funding to the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance and the Premier.

6. For Information: Offshore Oil and Gas

Cabinet received a briefing for information, on the principles and framework used for a comprehensive offshore oil and gas regulatory regime, including tenure, fiscal, environmental, and operational provisions. There was general agreement that the issues to manage would be First Nations, the regulatory issues and potential delay by federal reviews.

7. For Information: Health Issues Update

Cabinet was informed of a report by CIHI on the positive results of the BC Nursing Strategy. An upcoming report by the Provincial Health Officer on health promotion and healthy living at schools was noted.

D. REPORTS:

8. Deregulation Progress Status Report

This report was reviewed at Cabinet.

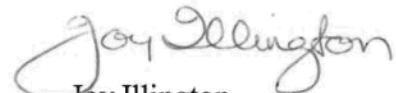
9. Intergovernmental Relations Status Report

The Intergovernmental Relations Status Report was received.

10. Other

Cabinet discussed options for a response to cattle producers, given the drought and lack of markets due to BSE. Two non-fiscal actions were supported: requesting extended grazing where conditions would permit it in the judgement of Range Officers, and delaying the deadline for payment of range fees until later in this fiscal year.

A proposed action of making a one-time payment for surplus beef or dairy cows, on the basis that the payment would be treated as an advance under the Canadian Agriculture Income Stabilization Program was deferred for further information and discussions with the Minister of Finance.



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